

Minutes

Subject: CLG April 2021 West meeting

Date: 15 April 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Mikell Borg (MB)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Marcus Forsterling (MF)	Transurban (TU)
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Jala Shekho (JaS)	TU
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Tim Newhouse (TN)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Charles Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH JV
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria		

Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council		
Natalie Reiter (NR)	Department of Transport (DoT)		
Nigel Smith (NS)	DoT		

Apologies

Dean Ellis (DE)	Wyndham Council	John Stirk (JS)	BayWest Bug
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Project Update	WGTP MTIA
5.45pm	3	Actions update	All
5.50pm	4	Inner west truck movements	All
6.00pm	5	Department of Transport	WGTP MTIA
6.20pm	6	Tea break	All
6.30pm	7	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.45pm	8	Questions and discussions from members	All

7.05pm	9	Construction update	CPBJH JV
7.15pm	10	Actions arising and closing	All

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Agenda item	Item detail
	<p>Welcome introductions and apologies</p>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW welcomed all members to the first CLG face to face meeting in more than 12 months. TC reminded attendees of the Covid guidelines that everyone was to adhere to including social distancing.
	<p>Project updates</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AH provided an update on the soil management process outlining the recent Environmental Planning approval for Maddingley Brown Coal. AH advised that Hi-Quality in Bulla and Maddingley Brown Coal in Bacchus Marsh both have planning and environmental approvals and are able to be considered by CPBJH as part of their tender process. AH acknowledged that Cleanaway in Ravenhall is still seeking environmental approval. AH commented that Transurban announced to its investors a few weeks ago that the WGTP would not be completed by 2023 as previously advised. MF responded that as the disposal site selection process is ongoing a completion date of 2023 is no longer considered achievable, however the project schedule is currently under review and timeframes are still being determined. AH noted that there had been recent media coverage regarding strata acquisition which is involving properties below the tunnel alignment. Current regulations indicate most property owners own their land up to 15 metres below ground level, the tunnel will be lower than that and is not anticipated to lower property value. LE noted that WGTP is back to doing face-to-face activities and advised that the WGTP had recently attended the Yarraville Festival and Friends of Cruickshank Park community day. Both events had been great with the community noticing the significant changes made to the West Gate Freeway and Footscray Road. DR asked if it was possible to visit the tunnelling site before tunnelling commences. JaS would look into what opportunities are available.
	<p>Actions update</p>
3	<p>AJ10 WGTP MTIA to invite the Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021. Item closed for West group.</p> <p>AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised. TC read the following statement provided by CPBJH <i>“Further feedback was provided earlier this year and this is currently being reviewed for incorporation where possible. The Project will continue to work with relevant stakeholders to finalise the plan – expected in late May, and share with the group when available.”</i> Action to remain open.</p> <p>AW15 CPBJH to provide mud map detailing Paringa Road and Millers Road intersection design work. Note that the map has been provided to all CLG West members. Action updated to reflect continuous discussions around the Millers Road interchange design.</p> <p>JaS advised that WGTP worked with DoT and Hobsons Bay City Council to come up with a change. HBCC shifted the current Primula Avenue stop sign 3.5 metres east to improve the</p>

line of sight to traffic exiting Millers Road. The temporary arrangements are being reviewed by all parties and that no feedback to date has been received by the community. IB encouraged the community members to provide feedback on this matter.

Action updated on 15 April to reflect outcome of the six-week Primula Avenue trial.

Inner west truck movements

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- JW reminded members that this action was created after the February 2021 meeting where gazetted and superloads were discussed. JW encouraged the community to raise any questions about truck movements.
 - CF informed that where possible the WGTP's trucks are only being accessed via WGTP sites to minimise disruptions and impacts onto the local network.

Department of Transport

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- NS presented on the Hobsons Bay Transport Planning study conducted via the Department of Transport that reviewed the current status and future transport requirements of the Hobsons Bay network, particularly focusing on impacts from the WGTP and residential development. It covers all modes of transport including road, rail, bicycle, bus and pedestrian.
 - NS stated that industry in the area forms an important part of the economy and it is about balancing the networks economic and residential needs. Other more viable transport options such as cycling, and bus infrastructure are being considered.
 - KR enquired if the study had been extended beyond the Hobsons Bay network as noting the increase in demand from further west along Kororoit Creek Road. NS stated that the whole network is being looked at with this study just focussed to Hobsons Bay but looks at where and why vehicles are travelling. KR suggested community consultation remain ongoing.
 - DR requested a copy of the presentation. NS agreed with WGTP MTIA to email members.
 - GM noted that his previous participation in the Millers Road corridor study did not result in an outcome and questioned the plausibility of this study. NS explained that feedback from the WGTP EES and the Millers and Williamstown Road corridor study has contributed toward this report.
 - IB noted that HBCC is seeking comment on Local Area Movement Plans (LAMP'S) that incorporate the suburbs of Brooklyn, Altona North, Newport, Williamstown North, Spotswood and South Kingsville. The consultation period runs until 11 June 2021.
 - FS asked if other considerations such as light rail were being considered. NR noted that all modes of transport are being considered with more suitable improvements made to the bus network a priority.
 - GM stated that Millers Road is the attractive solution for transport but fears that Brooklyn residents won't be able to exit their homes. GM questioned what consideration has been made to utilise Grieve Parade.
 - GM noted a conversation held two years ago with the Minister that Millers Road would be widened to four lanes. NS suggested that at present this is not being discussed.

6 Tea break

WGTP MTIA update

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- MB announced the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund – Partnership recipients across Hobsons Bay Local Government Area, with over \$3 million being awarded to 19 community projects and initiatives.
 - MB explained that some projects and recipients have received co-contributions from other organisations which have increased the total investment for projects.
 - MB noted that Grants would be opening in the coming weeks.
 - LE discussed the ongoing works happening at Donald McLean Reserve and Crofts Reserve. GM asked when these works would be completed. IB advised that Crofts Reserve is on track to be finished by September with Donald McLean Reserve later in the year.

Questions and discussions from members

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- FS asked for an update regarding the pedestrian and cycling path on Fogarty Avenue and what this will look like in the future. CF explained that this will link up with the Federation Trail and the path along the Hyde Street ramp. CF noted that the area will be shortly 'cleaned up' with the removal of the old noise wall which will create more space for cyclists in that area.
 - SW questioned the Williamstown Road and Hyde Street works. CF explained that there are works progressing in that area at the moment to build the new Hyde Street ramps (north side of West Gate Freeway) and that they include a new cycling and walking path on the side of the new bridge. CF noted that the new Hyde Street ramp will not be able to open until the tunnel works are completed underneath, so this will be some time away
 - BB and DR noted concerns for the increase in future traffic volumes on Blackshaws Road as a result of the increase in new residential developments in the area e.g. Precinct 15. JW acknowledged these concerns but noted this should be addressed in a different forum. AH noted that this feedback will be passed on to DoT.
 - GM celebrated the Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek's (FOLKC) West Gate Neighbourhood Fund – Partnership funding. Noting that FOLKC were getting organised and would be seeking community consultation shortly for the Hosken Reserve improvements. GM explained that in February 2022 FOLKC hope to see the next stage of the Trail completed by the West Gate Tunnel Project, as they are planning a community event in February 2022.
 - IB noted that HBCC received West Gate Neighbourhood funds for the Greening Brooklyn program.
 - IB questioned the timing of the Federation Trail re-surfacing work. CF explained that the design is being reviewed on the basis of the current condition and to improving the outcome for the community. He also noted that asphalt works are best done in the summer months. A date is not confirmed however it is unlikely to be done this year.

Construction update

CF provided the below update on the West zone:

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- The completion of the Grieve Parade Bridge works which saw a portion of the bridge demolished and reinstated by strengthening works.
 - Noise wall installation continues across the zone with 1350 panels expected to be installed by the end of April.
 - Progress continues at the Hyde Street ramps with pile caps, crossheads and columns being installed between Hyde Street and the Williamstown Rail line until late 2021. There are currently nightly closures on Williamstown Road whilst these works continue.
 - Frequent night closures on Millers Road to install 17-metre-long beams that will create an extra four lanes on the Millers Road Bridge.
 - Construction starting on the new walking and cycling paths at Kororoit Creek and at Fogarty Avenue.

Actions arising and closing

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- AJ10 remains open for the North group and is expected to be closed at the upcoming May North meeting.
 - AW13 to remain open.
 - AW15 to remain open and be updated to reflect the outcome of the 6-week Primula Avenue trial.
 - Meeting concluded at 7.35pm
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